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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action, mailed March 1, 2006, that sets a one-month period for a response. Should any fees be necessary in connection with this application the Commissioner is hereby given authorization to charge Account No. 50-0359.